

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID:****Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance, Renovation and Repairs**Alaska Native Heritage Center - Village Site Completion****State Funding Requested: \$275,000****House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Requested funding would be used to complete construction of a year-round Athabascan Ceremonial House, paving the walkway, and adding clan designs to the Southeast Clan House.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$275,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Requested funding would be used to complete construction of a year-round Athabascan Ceremonial House, paving the walkway, and adding clan designs to the Southeast Clan House. This request is for a grant to Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Alaska Native Heritage Center features five village sites which represent all of Alaska's regions. They are an exceptional feature of the Center in educating students, Alaskans, and visitors from around the globe about Alaska Native traditions and ways of living. These structures are truly unique and the Center is the only place where all five regional sites can not only be viewed but also utilized as part of a classroom or community gathering setting. The building of permanent village sites displays is a project that is being accomplished in phases and over years.

All of the sites will incorporate modern building technology with the intent that they will be permanent, year-round educational facilities supporting both our after-school and school visits programs.

This request has tremendous community support, and fundraising goals are close to the target amount. The Alaska Native Heritage Center made a request of \$387,000 to the State for capital funds to complete this project and was awarded \$250,000 (\$137,000 less than the goal/cost).

Over 130,000 people utilized the Heritage Center during the 2007-2008 season. More than 32,000 Alaskans participated in School Visits, Cultural Education classes and Cultural Awareness Workshops, with 750 artists using gallery and work space, promotion and marketing opportunities. With improved classroom, exhibits and extended use through the winter, the Center anticipates enhanced educational opportunities as part of the school visits program and the after-school program. Through the life-altering after-school program students become excited about learning, as they gain new social, intellectual and job skills, and reconnect with their heritage.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Native Heritage Center

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No